

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:160

ANSWERED ON:22.08.2007

REVIEW OF COASTAL REGULATIONS

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to review the coastal regulations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which these regulations are expected to safeguard the coastal regions of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a), (b) and (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.160 FOR ANSWER ON 22.08.2007 REGARDING REVIEW OF COASTAL REGULATIONS

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Ministry of Environment and Forests had constituted an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. M. S. Swaminathan in July, 2004, to review and make recommendations with regard to implementation and amendments if necessary, of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991. The Expert Committee submitted its report alongwith the recommendations, which were accepted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests in April, 2005. The major recommendations include:-

- (i) Implementation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan rather than an uniform regulatory approach.
- (ii) Development along the coastal stretches based on the vulnerability of the coast, taking into account the natural and manmade hazards.
- (iii) Inclusion of the ocean zone for regulation.
- (iv) Setting up of Institute for Coastal Zone Management to address the policy and legal issues.
- (v) Abatement of the pollution of coastal areas and marine waters in a time-bound manner.
- (vi) Identification and mapping of the coastal eco-sensitive areas such as mangroves, corals, turtle breeding areas.
- (vii) Development of coastal bioshield.

(c) : No new regulations have been notified based on the recommendations of the Professor M.S Swaminathan Committee. However, pilot studies have been initiated for demarcation of vulnerability line along identified coastal stretches in line with the recommendations, which would interlia, provide for protection of the coastal regions.